

Keeping Hartford's Elderly and Disabled In Their Homes
Rebuilding Together Hartford will repair 24 Homes on April 29, 2006
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(Hartford, Conn. April 2006) - When Hartford's elderly and disabled residents can remain in their home safely, everyone benefits. To ensure the safest environment possible for Hartford residents, Rebuilding Together will repair 24 homes in the City of Hartford on Saturday, April 29 _ rain or shine.

More than 600 volunteers will assist 24 low-income city homeowners whose age, disabilities or family circumstances prevent them from doing necessary repair work on their homes.

Rebuilding Together Hartford volunteers will perform repairs and renovations from interior painting, to bathroom renovation, to installation of new doors, handrails, locks and other features to enhance the owners' mobility, safety and right to quiet enjoyment.

This year marks Rebuilding Together's 11th year of helping improve housing conditions for homeowners within the city of Hartford. Many have lived in their homes for more than 40 years. Labor, supplies and funding are provided by area corporations and other organizations who become house sponsors, by community organizations, and from home supply stores and home remodeling firms. Representing a diverse mix of skilled and unskilled labor, volunteers are employees, and members of faith-based communities and trade associations.

What: Rebuilding Together Hartford _ Rebuilding Day 2006

When: Saturday, April 29, 7 a.m. _ 5 p.m.

Where: Check-in for volunteers and media: 7-8 a.m. on front lawn, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, 1000 Asylum Street, Hartford

Who: 600 volunteers in the Greater Hartford region

Why: According to the Rebuilding Together national organization, there will be more than 28.5 million low-income and elderly homeowners by 2010. More and more families are placed in the position of choosing between vital necessities, such as food and medicine, or a roof that doesn't leak. Rebuilding Together works with community volunteers throughout the year to revitalize homes, and help ensure that as many families as possible do not have to make those difficult choices.